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JOHN HAY, SECRETARY OF STATE.

It is pretty generally understood that John Hay will surrender the portfolio of state on the fourth of March next, if not earlier. It is said that he may be returned as ambassador to Great Britain, to succeed Joseph Chamberlain. Mr. Hay is well liked in England, and it is said he is not averse to returning to the Court of St. James.

METHODISTS IN COUNCIL

The Annual Report of the Church Board of Education.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The annual report of the work of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal church has just been made here. Bishop Andrews of New York presided at the meeting and among other members of the board present were Bishop Hurst of Washington, D. C., the Rev. L. R. Fisk of Albion, Mich., the Rev. J. W. Lindsay of Boston, the Rev. Dr. W. F. King of Cornell College, Iowa, John D. Slayback of New York, Judge H. C. M. Ingraham of Brooklyn, Rev. W. F. Anderson of Sing Sing and George P. Hukill of Oil City, Pa.

Joseph S. Stout, the treasurer, presented a report showing that the amount of money loaned directly to students in the last year was \$81,794. The students aided were 1,830 in number, distributed as follows: In the New England states, 213; in the Middle states, 423; in the Western states, 851; in the Southern states, 315, and foreign students, 29. They represented altogether 21 different nationalities. The legacies to the board during the year amounted to \$28,945, including the legacy by William Godthorpe, to the amount of \$21,208. The income of the board during the year was from the following sources: Children's day collections, \$60,328; from invested funds, \$14,485; returned loans, \$25,377. The report of the corresponding secretary, William F. McDowell, showed that at the beginning of the century the schools of the Methodist Episcopal church were accurately represented by Bishop Fowler's dramatic phrase, "The ashes of one college," but that at present the Methodist church has an investment of more than \$30,000,000 in schools and colleges and that the church has added to the permanent funds devoted to education an average of nearly \$500,000 a year during the last seventy years.

PORTO RICAN LABORERS

San Francisco Bulletin's Comments on Their Coming Here.

No serious objection will be made to the passage of Porto Ricans from their homes to Hawaii under contract to labor, though the ruling upon which they were admitted at New Orleans is in conflict with that by which Porto Ricans were denied the privilege of suffrage in New York and other cities. If the Porto Ricans are not citizens of the United States they have no legal right to enter an American port bound to another American port under contract to labor, and if they are citizens of the United States they are entitled to vote in any American city in compliance with laws made to apply to other American citizens.

The New Orleans dispatch which announces the departure of the Porto Ricans from that city for San Francisco says the order for admission came from Washington. If so, the order must have come from the Bureau of Immigration and must be held to apply only to the case under consideration. The head of a department would hardly venture upon a construction of law in conflict with a construction made by the head of another department. The denial of suffrage to natives of Porto Rico on the ground that nativity in Porto Rico did not entitle them to the privileges of American citizenship was made in accordance with the policy of the Administration to hold the island as a possession of the United States until the status of the island should be determined by the Supreme Court. Whether a conflicting order by the Bureau of Immigration is to be accepted as a foreshadowing of the decision of the court is a matter for conjecture. Different Circuit Court judges have given conflicting opinions as to the political status of the island, but their interpretation of the law is binding only within the territory over which each judge possesses jurisdiction. The decision of the Supreme Court will straighten out these judicial tangles, and give one interpretation of law to apply to the entire country.—San Francisco Bulletin.

MOODY'S NORTHFIELD WORK.

A London Minister Coming Over to Help it Out.

EAST NORTHFIELD, Mass., Dec. 6.—W. R. Moody has reached home after a visit to London, in the course of which he secured the consent of Rev. G. Campbell Morgan to assist in the Northfield work. Mr. Moody says that such an arrangement was planned by Dwight L. Moody before his death, and that Mr. Morgan will come to this country in the early summer. He will make his home in East Mansfield and will attend the Northfield conferences,

beginning his special Northfield extension work in the early autumn.

This work has been carried on by Mr. Meyer, Mr. Morgan and Mr. H. W. Pope in previous years, and consists mainly in holding conventions for a week or ten days duration, in various cities, seeking thereby to awaken a deeper interest in Bible study and greater fellowship among Christian workers.

CARLOTTA'S JEWELS.

May Not Be the Ones Smuggled Into America.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—A dispatch to the Herald from Vienna says: The report to the effect that the jewels of Carlotta, once empress of Mexico, have been discovered in the United States through the arrest of two men for smuggling, has brought forth an interesting letter from an artillery officer who served under Emperor Maximilian, and who was with him until his death. He now lives at Innsbruck and sends the following to the Wiener Tageblatt: "I do not believe that the jewels which have turned up belonged to Empress Carlotta. Toward the end of the year 1866, when it could be seen with certainty that it was impossible to maintain the Mexican empire, the palace guard was disbanded, the personnel of the court reduced, and the greater part of the valuables packed and sent under escort to Vera Cruz. Here they were placed on board the Novara and sent to Miramar."

NEED OF A NAVAL RESERVE

Assistant Secretary Hackett has made a report to the secretary of the navy in regard to the islands of Guam and Tutuila and United States naval stations in island possessions outside of the United States, the naval militia, and other matters over which he has general supervision. He says that the establishment of a suitable government over the islands of Guam and Tutuila has not been without its difficulties. The responsibility of creating and keeping in operation a system of government adapted to the needs of a people wholly ignorant of the United States and its institutions has rested upon officers of the navy.

Mr. Hackett takes pleasure in saying that the officers charged with these new and perplexing duties have from the beginning achieved a success that reflects credit on the service. So far as the department has been able to judge, he says, the discretion necessarily exercised vested in these officers has been uniformly exercised with scrupulous regard for the welfare of the people committed to their charge. The conditions at Guam and Tutuila are reviewed and the statement made that the people of both islands appear to be content with the new state of affairs. The year has been a busy one at Guam, and many things have been done to improve the situation there. Mr. Hackett says the schools are flourishing and the general health of the island shows a marked improvement. The suggestion is made that our transports touch at Guam and Tutuila as frequently as possible.

The assistant secretary says that the establishment of a naval station at Guam is of the utmost importance. The port of Pago Pago, he says, is destined to grow in importance and to prove of the greatest convenience to the commerce of the United States. He commends the work done by Commandant Tilley in bringing the natives to a knowledge of the meaning of the transfer of the islands to the sovereignty of the United States. The tragic event which occurred in Samoa, in April, 1899, of the killing of British and American officers and men in an action with the natives, has been commemorated by the erection of a suitable monument. Mr. Hackett says the ceremony of unveiling this monument will attract attention, marking, as it does, a conflict in which British and American sailors and marines fought side by side. On the suggestion of the commandant, a small force of natives, consisting of fifty-four men, has been enlisted to serve as an armed guard. They are under good discipline, and take pride in their service.

Attention is invited to the need of a commodious hospital upon high land near Punchbowl, just outside of the city of Honolulu, and an appropriation is asked for that purpose.

Mention is made of the grateful recognition by the Navy Department of the humane services to American naval prisoners rendered by Frederick W. Ramsden, deceased, who, during the recent Spanish war, was British consul at Santiago, Cuba. A handsome bronze tablet, suitably inscribed, is in preparation, and will be affixed to the house where Mr. Ramsden lived.—Washington Star.

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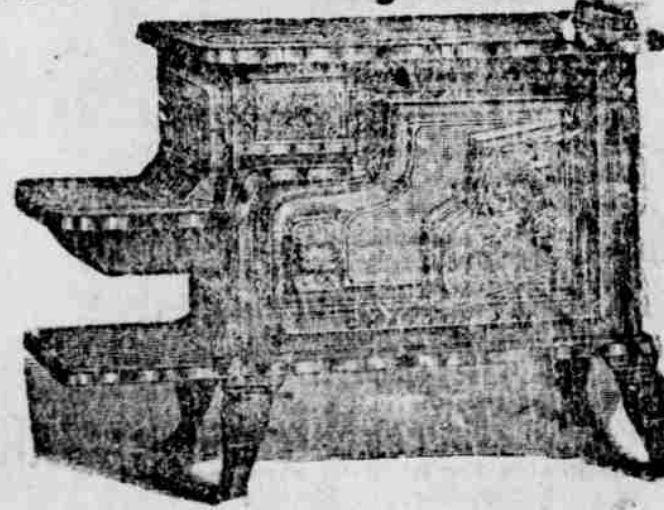
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